

Academic Libraries Section

KLA Quarterly Board Report

To: KLA Board
From: James E. Manasco, Chair, Academic Section
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I. Conferences:

A. Joint Spring Conference: The Joint Spring Conference took place April 13-15, 2011. Keynote Speakers were Ruth Kneale, Systems Librarian at the National Solar Observatory in Tucson, Arizona and Leslie Reynolds from Texas A&M. Our pre-conference speaker was Mike Crumpton from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who presented on "Maintaining a Professional Presence." The conference brochure http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/files/jsc_brochure_final.pdf Almost 100 attendees enjoyed the conference at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and the reviews were generally positive on all speakers and sessions.

B. KLA Fall: Christian J. Miller will be the featured speaker for Academic Section. Christian Miller is the Reference, Instruction and Outreach Coordinator at the Martin P. Catherwood Library in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. The Catherwood Library is renowned as one of the top libraries in the world collecting information on work and workplace issues and his interests include the library as a workplace. He also has served on numerous campus-wide library committees and is the current Chair of the Academic Division of the Special Libraries Association. Christian's session title is: "Fostering Innovation and Creativity: What Libraries Can Learn from Second City."

II. Academic Library Section Professional Development Grants:

A. Announced by Laura Whayne, Chair, Professional Development Committee on June 2. Up to one grant of \$1,000 (with the possibility of multiple grants) will be awarded. Submission deadline is August 15.